(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The 16th Electric Power Survey (EPS) has assessed the energy and peak requirements in respect of Gujarat at the end of 10th Plan (2006-07) which are given as under:

Energy Requirement	61683 MU
Peak Load Demand	10605MW

(c) to (e) The projects which are likely to be commissioned during the 10th Plan for the State of Gujarat include the following:

Plant Name	Fuel Type	Capacity MW	
		Total Capacity	Benefits 10th Plan
State Sector			
Sardar Sarovar	Hydro	1450	1450
Akrimota	Thermal	250	250
Sikka	Thermal	500	500
Kutch Lignite Extn. (Panandhro)	Thermal	75	75
Dhuvaran	Thermal	106.6	106.6
Private Sector			
Hazira	Thermal	156	156
Jamnagar	Thermal	500	500

In addition, Gujarat can also have its share from the central sector/ mega projects targeted for completion during 10th Plan for the Western Region.

Comprehensive power policy for NER

1855. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive power policy for power sector in NER; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The

Government had, in August, 1998, formulated a Policy on Hydro Power Development in the country including North-Eastern Region with the objective of exploiting the hydro electric potential at a faster pace. The hydro power policy, among others, lays emphasis on basin-wise development, evolving consensus on inter-State issues, mitigation of geological risks, simplifying procedure for transference of clearances, promoting joint venture arrangements etc. There is enormous exploitable hydro electric power potential of 58971 MW (in terms of installed capacity) in the North-Eastern Region, excluding small hydro power units below 3 MW capacity. Only 927 MW of this potential has been developed and a further capacity of 522 MW is under development. Action to develop hydro electric schemes for a further capacity of 22795 MW in the North-East has been initiated under the 3-stage development process by taking up Survey & Investigation and pre-construction and other activities for a number of projects.

Techno-Economic Clearance to Bellary Thermal Power Station in Karnataka

1856. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic clearnace has been given by Central Eelctricity Authority to start Bellary Thermal Power station in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details about the environment and pollution clearance;

(c) the cost of the project; and

(d) by when project is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The project has been cleared by the Karnataka Pollution Control Board on 2.6.1999 and by the Ministry of Environment & Forest on 9.8.2000.